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Randy/Eric:

Thanks for the helpful input today and thanks also to Scott (not copied). Below is the draft article for the Basin Bulletin. If you have something that you'd like to be quoted on or say about seeking local workers, subcontractors, etc. similar to what you had stated today that would be something that the community would be interested in. Also, if there is something that you can say about when the trail would be closed beyond what's stated and when the billboards (see highlighted question) would be removed that would also be appropriate. Edit as you see fit.

Short fuse: I need to get back to my community involvement folks by Friday of this week on this.

Thanks much,

Ed

Central Treatment Plant Upgrade: Contract Work Okayed

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a Notice to Proceed in February. That means contract work can begin on the Central Treatment Plant in Kellogg. The work is part of the EPA's efforts to clean up contamination in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin. The project is expected to take about four years.

Some field work may occur this year.

AMEC Foster Wheeler Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, was awarded the \$48,409,058 contract. The contractors will design and carry out construction related to:

- Upgrade and expansion of the CTP

- Upgrade of support facilities such as the sludge pond

- Installation of a system to extract and convey contaminated groundwater for treatment at the CTP

The contractor will operate and maintain the facility throughout design, construction, commissioning and one year after.

"This is a big step forward, for both the community and the environment," said Sheryl Bilbrey, director of EPA's Superfund cleanup office in Seattle. "When finished, the groundwater collection system and upgraded treatment plant will reduce the single highest source of dissolved zinc pollution to the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River by up to 90 percent. For the City of Kellogg and neighboring Silver Valley communities, we believe this contract will also create local jobs and give the economy a real economic boost."

The public access trail that skirts the northern edge of the Slag Pile Area and Central Impoundment Area between Bunker Avenue and Government Gulch Road will be closed during the project.

Increased traffic on nearby streets can be expected during construction. [COMMENT: Anything we can or should say about the billboards at this time – Kim?]
